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**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-349-000]

#### CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff and Report of Refunds

May 2, 1997.

Take notice that on April 30, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following sheets, with an effective date of June 1, 1997:

Sheet No. 38

First Revised Sheet Nos. 320-328

Sheet No. 329

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to revise its tariff to reflect the collection of known direct and indirect take-or-pay costs under Sheet Nos. 38 through 55 of CNG's FERC Gas Tariff. CNG also submits its report of refunds attributable to the reconciliation of cumulative direct and indirect take-or-pay charges, which have been collected from CNG's customers in accordance with the Commission-approved Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. RP88-217-000, et al. On March 31, 1997, CNG states that it refunded to its customers an aggregate amount of \$1,628,933.

CNG states that copies of this letter of transmittal and enclosures are being mailed to affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies

of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-52-003]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 2, 1997.

Take notice that on April 29, 1997, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) filed a motion to place its suspended rates and tariff sheets into effect on May 1, 1997, and tendered for filing the revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, listed on Appendix A, attached to the filing. The revised tariff sheets bear an issue date of April 29, 1997, and a proposed effective date of May 1, 1997.

Columbia Gulf states that the revised filing is being made in accordance with the Commission's suspension order issued November 27, 1996, in this proceeding and Section 154.206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR Section 154.206). The rates on the Appendix A tariff sheets reflect the changes required by the suspension order.

Columbia Gulf states that it is also moving into effect the non-rate tariff sheets identified separately on Appendix B, attached to the filing, which were accepted and suspended effective May 1, 1997. The filing is explained in greater detail in the transmittal letter accompanying the filing.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing have been mailed to Columbia Gulf's firm customers and interruptible customers, affected state regulatory commissions, and to each of the parties set forth on the official service list in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will

be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of Columbia Gulf's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-350-000]

#### Copano Field Services/ Copano Bay, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

May 2, 1997.

Take notice that on April 17, 1997, Copano Field Services/Copano Bay, L.P. (Copano), 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1750, Houston, Texas 77056, filed a petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP97-350-000, requesting that when Copano acquires the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities, which are certain pipeline and measuring facilities with appurtenances located in San Patricio, and Nueces Counties, Texas, from Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), that the Commission declare that the facilities are gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's Regulations pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Copano states that it currently renders non-jurisdictional gathering services through its Copano Bay System located adjacent to the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities to be acquired from FGT. It is further stated that the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities will be operated independently from its existing gathering systems, although the facilities may be integrated in the future. Copano indicates that it anticipates attaching additional supplies to the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities.

Copano relates that it will, effective on the date of transfer, assume all future operational and commercial responsibilities and maintenance obligations for the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities. Copano further indicates that it expects to negotiate acceptable gathering agreements with any shipper using the Encinal Channel Lateral Facilities.